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About one half of them are directed to individuals; the balance entrusted to your discretion, for distribution. We hope and believe they will do good. You will have some trouble & expense — I fear not a little — in the diffusion of this useful knowledge; but this expense will of course be a charge to the cause. — The parcel has no direction to any one's care in Liverpool, and you will please give suitable directions for its transmission to you. — I cannot remember if a copy is marked for Professor Nichol at the Observatory, Glasgow; if not, he should have one of course. Also, Prof. Scott, of Manchester; but I am quite sure I addressed one to him. — I should say that Train & Co. take this parcel to Liverpool without charge.

Now a few words touching your account, as sent to me in your preceding letter; (by the way I wrote to you, 2 weeks since, enclosing the note in one to Mary Estlin, from whom you will doubtless ~~have~~ received it; — in that note, I acknowledged the receipt of your Account, & made some remarks thereupon.)

To return — I send back <sup>your</sup> the account to you, — having copied for my use Page 2. of it, — as the easiest way of explaining to you what I wish to say about it. And, first, there is a slight error in your figuring on Page 1<sup>st</sup>, i.e. provided Mr. Wallcut and I have cast it rightly. You make the amount £17. 17. 3; We make it £17. 8. 11; a difference of 8. 4. — Of course the balance <sup>to be carried to Page 2<sup>d</sup></sup> ~~due from you~~ should not be £13. 2. 9, provided we have added the column of your receipts correctly. And this is ~~enough~~ another motive



with me for returning the paper to you - that  
the balance may be carried correctly to Page 2,  
before I file it, as from you.

Now, as to Page 2<sup>d</sup> of your account; I have settled  
with Mr. Wallcut, in the following

J. R. Neill - postage - 8.4

Josh. Sharratt 7.4

M. Manro 14.7

\* D. M. Donnell 14.7

Jos. Lupton 15.0

+ F. Cotterell 12.6

+ Dr. Hutton 12.6

4. 4. 10 or \$20.36

For Standard - with Mr. Gay.

Dublin Ladies Socy 12.6

Miss Whitelegg 12.6

25.0 or \$6.00

Also, I have paid Mr. Neill for your & Mr. Lupton's portraits.  
I don't know about the 5<sup>th</sup> for the Una. Who owes it?

- The Liberator for Wm. Shortt (1852 & 53) had been previously  
paid by me to Mr. Wallcut, in compliance with a request  
from you in April last. - There now remains the  
payment of "John Dawson on account of Antislavery Papers"  
£5. - How is this to be appropriated? To what papers? And  
how much to each? I must wait till I can hear  
from you before I can do anything about this sum. -  
When you ~~send~~ write again, please send your account,  
with the needful information added, in accordance with  
suggestions above. -

\* D. M. Donnell's paper is now considered by Mr. Wallcut as  
paid to Jan. 1. 1856: So Mr. W. requests me to say to you. [as ordered]  
+ F. Cotterell is also considered as having paid to Jan. 1. 1856. - Change made  
+ according to Mr. Wallcut's books, Dr. Hutton has now paid to Jan. 1. 1856



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I am sorry to know that Geo. Thompson is irritated & offended towards you, for what you said of him, in connexion with the London Conference. You were very mild & very forbearing towards him; and if he is unforgiving towards you on that account, that is a fact which will weigh far more against him, in the minds of our friends here, than anything he has done or said in Pillsbury's case, or in the whole matter of the Conference. - The upshot of it is Thompson must choose, for himself, & soon, whether he will serve God or Mammon. He cannot be sitting on two stools, & kissing hands all around, without forfeiting the respect of the Antislavery people, and his own besides.

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With sincere esteem & respect, Yours, Saml. May Jr.

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of F. P.'s coming to an open rupture with  
George Thompson. I do not yet see the necessity  
for it. I see the "Empire" is double-dealing  
and wholly unreliable. But I would yet  
make so much of a distinction between the  
Newspaper-editor, in his not voluntary offences  
against his old comrades, and George Thompson  
the man, the personal friend of Garrison and  
of many others of the American Antislavery Society,  
as to refrain from a hostile position towards him.  
— I well remember, too, the old story — "When the  
devil comes for the Grand Duke, what will become of  
the Arch-bishop" — Said to one of the old German  
princes, who combined both offices in his own person.  
But, as long as I must believe, as before quoted,  
that to G. T.'s "poverty and not his will", which  
consents to these humiliations, I would choose  
to avoid a war. If I thought him a traitor,  
I would not hold back a moment from denouncing  
him, publicly, as unworthy to the least  
confidence. — Then as to the Julia Griffith  
operations in England, I think Pillsbury rightly  
apprehends the mischief which that bad woman  
may accomplish, — especially when encouraged and  
aided on by Mrs. Richardson of Newcastle, R. L.  
Carpenter's wife, and other women. I am glad he  
is there to watch her, and counteract her mischief  
as far as possible. I am glad <sup>too</sup> to find that Mary  
Estlin thinks her influence can be only of short



duration; and I am very glad that such is  
also your opinion. You will say <sup>she</sup> is working  
"for an individual and <sup>for</sup> a time; ~~we~~ for a race and  
for mankind". P. appears to incline decidedly  
to remaining abroad over the winter. — [Once  
more, between you and me, it is silly in <sup>Pillsbury</sup> ~~some~~ to  
talk of "bringing down the wrath of Boston" on himself  
if he attacks G. Thompson. — He has tried the  
stuff which the Boston Abolitionists are made of too  
long, to make any such intimation. Not one of  
them would utter, or feel, any wrath, — as you  
justly say. I do not anticipate anything as likely  
to happen with, or to, P. Pillsbury that will cause  
any feeling more severe towards him than regret &  
grief. I suppose he would not like to be grieved over.]  
— We have all known P.P. so long, and learned so  
thoroughly to respect and confide in his integrity, his  
honour, his whole-souled devotion to the Cause, that  
we habitually overlook, having become so much used to,  
his peculiarities of feeling. — As I believe I have  
said to you before, — I never <sup>met with</sup> such a singular instance  
of the extreme of <sup>cool</sup> indifference towards the most  
outrageous & bitter attacks of his opponents (~~has~~ rather  
regards such as compliments & trophies), and of  
the extreme of wincing sensitiveness to the slightest  
criticism, or the least appearance of neglect or  
undervaluing of his services, on the part of his friends.  
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